

HOUSE BILL 740
By Stanley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9,
relative to funding of K-12 education and higher
education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-5106(a)(4), is amended by deleting the second sentence and by substituting instead the following:

These bills shall include an education appropriations bill or bills, a general appropriations bill and such other bills as may be required to provide the revenues necessary to finance the budget. The education appropriations bill or bills shall authorize, by spending agencies and by funds, all expenditures of the state government for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education and higher education for the next fiscal year. The general appropriations bill shall authorize, by spending agencies and by funds, all expenditures of state government for purposes other than kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) education or higher education for the next fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-5108, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() All education appropriations bills shall be drawn in the same manner as the general appropriations bill and shall meet all requirements of this section as to form. The general appropriations bill shall not be considered for final passage by the house of representatives or by the senate before the education appropriations bill or bills have been passed in both the house of representatives and the senate and been presented to the governor for signature.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.